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Honorable Robert Portman Director Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503-0008

Dear Mr. Portman:

In accordance with Executive Order 12322, I am submitting for your review an Army Corps of Engineers proposal for an ecosystem restoration project for the Site 1 Impoundment project, located in Palm Beach County, Florida. The report was prepared as a partial response to Section 309(I) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992, Section 528 of the WRDA of 1996, and Section 601 of the WRDA of 2000. Section 601 approved the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as a framework for modification of the Central and Southern Florida project to restore, preserve, and protect the South Florida ecosystem, while providing for other water-related needs of the region. The proposal is described in the report of the Chief of Engineers, dated December 19, 2006.

A copy of the report and other supporting data are enclosed. The enclosed draft letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate express the views of the Secretary of the Army on whether to support authorization of the project. I have modified the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers regarding project approval and implementation.

Please advise this office whether the recommendations are consistent with Administration policy.

Very truly yours,

John Paul Woodley, Jr. Assistant Secretary of the Army

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11 Enclosures (See page 2 for list of Encls)

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